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STATINTL Dear Chris,

Thanks for the kind words about [redacted] speech. He came back a little concerned about the press flap but apparently it amounted to nothing in retrospect. I hope it did not cause you any embarrassment. In any event, I am glad he went down there and I am even more glad that you give him such high marks.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

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[redacted]  
George Bush

Mr. Christopher H. Phillips  
President  
The National Council for United States-  
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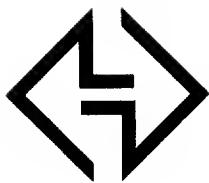
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President

June 24, 1976

The Honorable George Bush  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear George:

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I am really indebted to you for letting us have [redacted] pinch-hit as our speaker at our Houston Petroleum Conference on China. As you may know, Phil Habib at State had been scheduled to talk but at the last minute had been asked by Kissinger not to leave Washington.

Jim did a really outstanding job and made an excellent impression on the more than 200 businessmen who were present. I am afraid some of the local press tried to give him a hard time because at the last minute we had to announce that Jim's speech would have to be off-the-record in accordance with his request. The press had originally expected to cover Habib's speech on an on-the-record basis so they were naturally a bit put out by the last minute change. However, I think we managed to pacify most of them. As far as I know, no damage was done.

Former Mayor Louie Welch who opened our conference sent his best wishes to you. He and several of your Houston friends thought it was time you returned to Houston. I said the timing of your return could conceivably be influenced by the decision of a well-known peanut farmer!

Best to you and Barbara.

Sincerely,

Christopher H. Phillips

Executive

76-8345

June 24, 1976

Dear Mike,

25X1A [redacted] really enjoyed meeting you. He came back glowing about Houston and thrilled with his trip. He extended to me your warm regards for which I am grateful.

The new job is full and fascinating.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

[redacted]

George Bush

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